

Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2015

Members in Attendance: Cynthia DeAngelis, Susan James, Michael Rademacher, Maureen St. Hilaire, John Thompson, Beverley Bevilacqua, Susan Tennant

Members Absent: Kerrie Fallon

Others Present: Jack Jones, ADA Coordinator

Meeting began at 4:05 P.M.

Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2015:

Michael Rademacher made a motion to accept the minutes with an amendment as to the name of the consulting firm that has been hired by the Town to complete an ADA Public Ways Self-Evaluation. Michael stated that the consultant is AHB Consulting and not the Institute for Human Centered Design. Approval of the minutes was voted.

Commission Membership:

Susan Tennant and Beverley Bevilacqua were introduced as official members of the Commission. Jack said that Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager, has recommended to the Board of Selectmen a candidate to fill the last open position on the Commission.

Announcements:

Jack Jones said that Community Access Monitor Program Training will be held during 2015 on June 23 & 24 in Barnstable, August 18 & 19 in Salem and October 21 & 22 in Newton. Jack said that if there is a fee to attend the Commission would be able to reimburse Commission Members for the fee and any travel costs associated with attending any of these training.

Condition of Sidewalks and Walkways in the Government Center Block:

Michael Rademacher said that temporary low cost repairs are being made to the sidewalks. Michael said that the Town will hire a consultant to facilitate a meeting with interested residents to determine the type of sidewalk surface that would be appropriate for Arlington Center. The consultant will also be responsible for determining the cost to improve the sidewalks in the Center. John Thompson questioned as to if the Commission should be commenting on the bricks installed recently in a pilot program on Maple Street, which seem to be holding up to wear and the weather conditions of last winter. The Commission inquired if Community Preservation Funds would be used to replace or repair bricks sidewalks in the historical government center block. Michael said that Capital Funds would be probably be used.

Michael stated that the walkway and driveway at the Senior Center would be upgraded after the Town hires a facility manager. The Commission said that if bricks were to be installed for historic reasons then they should be installed to a certain standard. Beverley Bevilacqua expressed concerns regarding the sidewalk in front of the Town Hall and asked if the Commission should file a complaint. Michael said that any complaint filed would have to be prioritized based on funding and need. Michael suggested using the requested for service on the Town's web site.

CDBG Funding:

Jack said that the Commission requested \$150,000 but will receive \$125,000 in new funding for curb cut ramps. Jack said that the Recreation Department will receive \$14,000 for access improvements in play grounds. The program I can Shine Program will receive \$1,200 to help Developmentally Disabled children learn how to ride a bicycle.

Curb Cut Ramp Project:

Jack said that Engineering has sixty-eight ramp locations to install curb cut ramps but will need additional locations for funding after July 1, 2015. The Town plans work on the sixty-eight ramps at the following locations Appleton St., Daniels St., Paul Revere Rd., Overlook Rd., Crosby St., and Old Mystic St.

Invitation to Representative Sean Garballey:

Jack said that Representative Garballey will attend the May 20th meeting if the Legislature is not in session at the time of the Commission Meeting. Commission Members agreed to prepare questions for Sean.

New Member Information Packet:

Jack Jones, Susan Tennant, Maureen St. Hilaire and Beverley Bevilacqua said they would meet on April 22 at 2:30 to work on preparing the New Member Information Packet.

ADA Coordinator's Report:

Jack Jones said that two accessible parking spaces are planned for Academy Street. Jack also said that an automatic door opener will be installed over the next month at the Town Hall Annex accessible door. Jack informed Commission Members regarding a problem with an elevator being out of order in an area apartment building.

Other Business:

Michael Rademacher said that new parking machines will be installed in the Town's two Center Parking lots. Michael asked the Commission for their input as to the appropriate location for these machines. Michael said that he recommends that the machines were drivers obtain their parking ticket be turned 90 degrees in order to be out of the traffic lane.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 P.M.